

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

September 7, 2004

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order

Trista Campbell, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04AM.

I. Changes in the Scope of Practice Committee membership

Trista Campbell announced the resignation of Leonida Allison, the end of the term for Barbara O'Connor, and the Board appointment of Marla Moore.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the June 8, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Theresa Frimel and seconded by Charlotte Kelly. Minutes were approved.

III. Advisory Opinion on Role of RNFA

Approved by the Board at the July 2004 meeting.

Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:

The Committee requested that a copy of the Advisory Opinion be sent to all nurse executives – Judy Bontrager

IV. Draft Advisory Opinions for discussion/decision

A. Pain Management

Much discussion ensued regarding the need for nurses to know more about the principles of pain management, and the pros/cons of doing an advisory opinion on pain management. Vicki Buchda pointed out that ongoing education is warranted in many areas of nursing, but questioned if an advisory opinion is needed to emphasize that. Theresa Frimel raised the possibility of doing a position statement vs. an advisory opinion. Several guests had input:

1. Marla Weston – representing AZNA – emphasized that advisory opinions apply to nurses in any setting. She stated that she does not interpret “prescribing” as choosing a dose in a range order.
2. Virginia Blair – DHS – discussed bad outcomes that have resulted in some facilities. They inform hospitals that range orders are not within the scope of practice for nurses, and give examples of what JCAHO wants for protocols. They do not state what a facilities protocol should say.
3. Katie Bond, RN – Banner Health – reviewed what Oregon, California and New Mexico are doing in areas of pain management, i.e. continuing

- education. She suggested a joint statement between BOMEX, the Pharmaceutical Board and Arizona State Board of Nursing be developed.
4. Beth Mooney – DON, Valley of Sun Rehab – expressed concern over recent survey by DHS relating to range orders. Mooney suggested we consider ASPM guidelines.

Other committee members voiced input regarding: different ways to manage pain in different arenas, no need to “recreate the wheel” if other statements cover information, hospitals have policy statements already.

Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:

- A motion was made by Theresa Frimel, seconded by Robin Hayes, and approved to review existing statements relating to pain management – Marla Weston
- Check with LPN organization for position statements – Anita Fijalka
- Continue discussion regarding the possibility of a joint statement with BOMEX and Pharmacology Board at the December 7, 2004, Scope of Practice meeting – Judy Bontrager

B. Analgesia Epidural or Ports

Vicki Buchda discussed the fact that the current advisory opinion does not include intrathecal infusions. She explained that input had been obtained from nurses in various professional settings (i.e. home health, hospice). Buchda reviewed the changed the subcommittee was recommending. Additional comments/suggestions from the committee members were included.

Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:

- A motion was made by Pat Foster, seconded by Kathy Miller, and approved to take suggested revisions to the September Board for approval.

C. Dermatological Procedures

Committee members discussed the pros/cons of including “under the direction/supervision of a licensed care provider who possesses knowledge, skills, and abilities in dermatological procedures” to the advisory opinion for dermatological procedures. After review of several other states (i.e. Nevada, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont) and American Society for Dermatological Surgery recommendations, it was decided to include the statement to give the public better protection. Additional discussing was held regarding the inclusion of a statement from the California RN Board of Nursing: “Organized health care systems include clinics, home health agencies, physician’s offices and public or community health services. Beauty salons, health spas, shopping malls, and private residences do not meet the requirement of an organized health care system for the performance of standardized procedures.” The committee also decided this statement should be included in the advisory opinion.

Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:

- Check with Department of Health Services (Virginia Blair at 602-364-3030) to see about wording in the Arizona Statutes/rules regarding the definition of an organized health care settings – Natascha Troehler
- Do comparison of the course of instruction (as outlined in Section II of the draft opinion) with the dermatological course of instruction offered in California (which Troehler attended). Add content to draft advisory opinion if not comparable with California course – Natascha Troehler
- Return draft advisory opinion to December 7, 2004 Scope of Practice meeting.

D. Intrathecal Catheters

Tina McConn addressed the issue of intraventricular administration of therapeutic agents, a request of physicians at the facility she is employed. She was unable to find any guidelines/recommendations from other state boards of nursing. The committee asked McConn to continue to address this specific procedure by combining her recommendations with the advisory opinion on Intraventricular Implanted Devices.

Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsibility For:

- Review/update current advisory opinion on Intraventricular Implanted Devices – Tina McConn/Susan Eubanks
- Bring revised draft to Scope of Practice meeting on December 7, 2004.

V. School Nurse Supervision of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP's)

Judy Bontrager reported that the Board has been receiving phone calls from school nurses who are seeking answers to questions relating to the supervision of UAP's in the school setting. Approximately 12 school nurses were present as guests and were asked by Trista Campbell to share concerns they are having related to the use of UAP's. Concerns included:

- Delegation of responsibilities to UAP's: how to handle situation if administrator/principal delegates nursing responsibilities to the UAP.
- Supervision of UAP's: the UAP may be in different school without an RN and make decisions without consulting the RN.
- Difficulty in getting orders from physicians: orders frequently are given to the school nurse via a parent.
- Use of the title "nurse" by UAP: the public doesn't realize they are not a nurse.
- Increased acuity of students in school setting: i.e. trach patients, tube feedings, diabetics who are insulin dependent, child on ventilator sent to school with no preplanning.
- Need for education of students: trend towards hiring "Diabetic Educators" to teach diabetic children about their disease. However, the diabetic educator is a layperson that has been given a 2-8 hour course to prepare them. (They clarified that a Certified Diabetic Educator must be a pharmacist, RN or dietician.)
- Lack of legislation that requires a school nurse in each district.

- Need for Arizona State Board of Nursing to discuss with the administrators/educators that they cannot practice nursing without a license, i.e. they cannot delegate medication administration, etc.
- What duties can be delegated to UAP's. (Using "UAP" can be deceiving, since the UAP can be the secretary.)

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For:

- Work with school nurses to develop a draft advisory opinion to cover issues voiced by school nurses – Karen Stewart, Diana Walker, Tina McConn, MaryAnne Cox
- Discuss at December 7, 2004 Scope of Practice meeting

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2004.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Minutes Approved: 12/7/04

JB/mlp

Scope of Practice Committee Meeting September 7, 2004

List of Attendees

SOP Committee Members

Kathy Adamson, RNC
Christine Benoit, RN, BSN
Vicki Buchda, MS, RN
Trista Campbell, RN
MaryAnne Cox, RN, MHPE
Anita Fijalka, LPN
Theresa Frimel, RN, MSN
Pat Foster, MS, RN
Shirley Grant, LPN
Robin Hayes, RN
Charlotte Kelley, RN, MSN
Linda Maschner, RN, MS
Tina McConn, RN
Kathy Miller, RN, MSN
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA
Kathleen Pollard, MSN, RN, CHPN
Claudette Rodstrom, RN, BA, MSA
Kristin Schmidt, RN, MBA, CHE
Karen Stewart, RN, MSN
Diana Walker, RN, CNS, MSN
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Guests

Jennifer Wangerg, Glendale Community College
Carol Hansen, Banner Desert
Steve Blaudt, Glendale Community College
Linda Comeau, Glendale Community College
Rob Kromly, HS – Valley of the Sun
Beth Mooney, HS – Valley of the Sun
Kathy Shaw, HS – Valley of the Sun Rehab
Liz Ross, HS – Valley of the Sun Rehab
William Robbins, HS – Valley of the Sun Rehab
Eileen Murphy, Glendale Community College
Katie Bond, Banner Good Samaritan
Marla Weston, AZNA
Tori Trakan, Scottsdale Unified SD
Shirley Rodriguez, Yuma Elementary District One
Mary Bolten, Flagstaff Unified District
Linda Simmons, DVUSD
Nikki Butt, ASU nursing student
Pam Labozetto, RN, Tucson AMPHI USD
Sandi Beck, RN, MSN, Tucson, AMPHI USD
Judie Crawford, RN, Marana, MUSD
Cathy Denny, FNP, Gila River Health Care Corp.
Sharon Roland, RN, BSN, SNOA/Murphy
School District 21
Cathy Raihl, RN, Mesa Public Schools
Lorie Miller, RN, Gilbert School District
Nadine Miller, RN, Mesa Public Schools